

**HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION memorializing John F. Shawley.

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_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION memorializing John F. Shawley.

Whereas, John F. Shawley was born on June 16, 1921, and passed away on May 14, 2006, at the age of 84;

Whereas, The son of Frank U. and Viola J. Shawley, was born in Michigan City, where he lived most of his life;

Whereas, As a young man, John F. Shawley served in the U.S. air force during World War II, where he was a B29 gunner and instructor;

Whereas, On March 2, 1940, John F. Shawley married Ruth M. Bell and remained married for 66 years until his death;

Whereas, John F. Shawley was a prominent business man, owning the IGA supermarket through 1959, serving as president of Western Michiana Investments for 28 years, and serving as state president of the Indiana Real Estate Association;

Whereas, John F. Shawley was awarded with the Distinguished Citizens Award from the Indiana Real Estate Association for his service to the association and his community;

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Whereas, John F. Shawley was a member of the Michigan City Lions Club and Elks Club and served on the board of the Salvation Army. He was also a life member of John Franklin Miller Post 37 American Legion and served on the state board of Ivy Tech College;

Whereas, In 1954, John F. Shawley was elected to the Indiana House of Representatives where he served for six years. His final two years he served as chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means;

Whereas, In 1960, John F. Shawley was elected to the Indiana Senate where he served for twelve years. During his tenure as a legislator, John F. Shawley wrote or sponsored more than 100 bills, including the original Medicaid legislation, which became law. The Indiana Post High School Act and the Joint Sponsorship of legislation creating Ivy Tech College were among some his accomplishments;

Whereas, John F. Shawley was a strong advocate to bring Purdue North Central to LaPorte County and saw its fruition in 1949;

Whereas, John F. Shawley was and Elder in the Earl Road Christian Church and the First Christian Church. He taught Sunday School for many years and loved children; and

Whereas, John F. Shawley will be remembered by his family and community as a compassionate individual who sought to bring prosperity to his community of LaPorte County and Michigan City, as well as, to the state of Indiana; Therefore

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring;*



1 its sincere condolences to the family of John F. Shawley and its
2 appreciation for his many years of service to the citizens of LaPorte
3 County and the state of Indiana.

4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
5 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to his wife, Ruth,
6 brother, Donald Shawley, Purdue North Central and Ivy Tech State
7 College.

